

a dust chute communicating with the manifold, the dust chute having a side opening for connection to a vacuum hose; and

means for releasably and selectively connecting the dust chute to the carriage assembly in one of two positions.

51. A planer comprising:

AI a carriage assembly that has an infeed side, an outfeed side and a pair of guiding slots;

a rotary cutting member within the carriage assembly; and

dust removal assembly comprising:

a manifold removably attachable to the carriage assembly over the cutting member on the outfeed side of the carriage assembly; and

means for releasably and selectively connecting the dust chute to the carriage assembly in one of two positions.

REMARKS

Applicant has amended the subject application to add claims 45-51. Each of the claims added herein is supported by the Specification as originally filed.

Entry of the present Preliminary Amendment and examination and passage to allowance of the subject application are earnestly solicited.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner has any concerns regarding the application and its claims, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned so that those concerns may be addressed expeditiously.

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